

University of Montana

ScholarWorks at University of Montana

University of Montana News Releases, 1928,
1956-present

University Relations

4-14-2009

Conference on Central, Southwest Asia at UM April 22-24

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations

Follow this and additional works at: <https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases>

Let us know how access to this document benefits you.

Recommended Citation

University of Montana–Missoula. Office of University Relations, "Conference on Central, Southwest Asia at UM April 22-24" (2009). *University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present*. 21463.
<https://scholarworks.umt.edu/newsreleases/21463>

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the University Relations at ScholarWorks at University of Montana. It has been accepted for inclusion in University of Montana News Releases, 1928, 1956-present by an authorized administrator of ScholarWorks at University of Montana. For more information, please contact scholarworks@mso.umt.edu.



The University of
Montana

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS • MISSOULA, MT 59812 • 406.243.2522 • FAX: 406.243.4520

NEWS RELEASE

April 14, 2009

Contact: Brian Lofink, UM Central and Southwest Asia Program coordinator, 406-243-2299, brian.lofink@mso.umt.edu.

CONFERENCE ON CENTRAL, SOUTHWEST ASIA AT UM APRIL 22-24

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host the Seventh Annual Central and Southwest Asia Conference at UM from Wednesday to Friday, April 22-24.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is presented by UM's Central and Southwest Asia Program. The theme of this year's conference is "Beyond the Headlines: Peace and Conflict in Central and Southwest Asia."

The conference will bring internationally renowned scholars, diplomats, analysts and journalists to UM to engage the campus and the community in a discussion about the challenges countries in Central and Southwest Asia are facing and how those challenges impact the United States.

A complete conference schedule with information about all speakers is online at <http://www.umt.edu/ip/newsevents/centralasiaconference.aspx>.

Wednesday, April 22:

7-9 p.m.: Keynote presentation -- "Islam in the New Afghan Public Sphere,"

University Center North Ballroom.

Thursday, April 23:

9:30-11 a.m.: "Tajikistan: An Ancient Nation in Transition," University Center North Ballroom.

12:30-2 p.m.: Keynote presentation -- "Independence, Civil War and International Mediation: Tajikistan's Path to Peace," University Center North Ballroom.

2:30-4 p.m.: "On the Frontline: Afghanistan and the Struggle Against Terrorism," University Center North Ballroom.

7-9 p.m.: Keynote panel -- "Terrorism, Counter-terrorism and Human Rights in Israel and Palestinian Territories," University Center North Ballroom.

Friday, April 24:

10:30 a.m.-noon: "Kyrgyzstan and the New Great Game," University Center Theater.

1-3 p.m.: "The Role of Arabic as a Language of War and Peace," University Center Theater.

2 p.m.: Tajik Corner Opening Ceremony, University Center Room 220.

3:30-5 p.m.: "Confrontation in the Caucasus: The Conflict Between Georgia and Russia," University Center Theater.

7-9 p.m.: Keynote presentation -- "Islamist Movements in the Arab World, Iran and Afghanistan and the Potential of U.S. Engagement," University Center Theater.

The conference is sponsored by the University's Central and Southwest Asia Program, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, International Programs, the Office of the Provost and

UM President George Dennison, the Office of the Provost, the Montana World Affairs Council
and Humanities Montana.

###

JS
Local
041409asia